

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Johnson et al.	)	Examiner: To be assigned
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Serial No. 10/623,957	)	
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Title: Tissue Distractions Device	)	

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent Office inform the undersigned as to the status of the above-captioned patent application. No substantive action from the PTO has been received concerning the present application since an updated Filing Receipt dated May 19, 2005. Applicant is unable to determine the status of this application on the PAIR system, since it has not yet been published.

Applicant requests information as to the status of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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